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FOURTH SITTING, SECOND SESSION (2026/2027)

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PRAYERS

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS

PAPERS

1. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment to the Fourth Schedule) Order, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

2. The Children Court (Amendment) Rules, 2026.
   (By the Attorney General)

3. The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules, 2026.
   (By the Attorney General)

4. The Children's Life Fund (Amendment to Schedule 3 Life Limiting Illnesses or Conditions) Order, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Health)

5. The Value Added Tax (Amendment to Schedule 2) Order, 2026.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

6. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statement of the Sangre Grande Civic Centre for the financial year ended September 30, 2016.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

7. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North Central Regional Health Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

8. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the North West Regional Health Authority for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
   (By the Minister of Finance)

9. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Land Settlement Agency for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)

10. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)

11. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

12. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)

13. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Arima Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)

14. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Chaguanas Borough Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)

15. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Finance)

16. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)

17. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology) for the year ended December 31, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance)

18. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)

19. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago for the financial year ended September 30, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)

20. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the financial year ended September 30, 2010.
(By the Minister of Finance)

21. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee for the financial year ended September 30, 2011.
(By the Minister of Finance)

22. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sport and Culture Fund for the year ended December 31, 2013.
(By the Minister of Finance)

23. The Report of the Auditor General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Financial Statements of the Sport and Culture Fund for the year ended December 31, 2014.
(By the Minister of Finance)

24. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Caroni (1975) Limited for the year ended June 30, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)

25. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2023.
(By the Minister of Finance)

26. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the year ended December 31, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)

27. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

28. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of National Infrastructure Development Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2021.
(By the Minister of Finance)

29. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

30. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Bank Limited for the year ended December 31, 2024.
(By the Minister of Finance)

31. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of Trinidad and Tobago Mortgage Bank Limited for the year ended December 31, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

32. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2019.
(By the Minister of Housing)

33. The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Housing Development Corporation for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Housing)

34. The Third Annual Report of the Office of Procurement Regulation for the fiscal year 2024/2025.
(By the Vice-President)

35. The Annual Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission for the financial year ended September 30, 2025.
(By the Minister of Finance)

36. The Annual Report on Trafficking in Persons in Trinidad and Tobago for the year 2025.
(By the Minister of Homeland Security)

37. The Annual Report of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2023/2024.
(By the Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence)

38. The Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2022/2023.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

39. The Administrative Report of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2024/2025.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

40. The Administrative Report of the University of Trinidad and Tobago for the fiscal year 2023/2024.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

41. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the fiscal year 2019/2020.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

42. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the fiscal year 2020/2021.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

43. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the fiscal year 2021/2022.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

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(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

45. The Administrative Report of the MIC Institute of Technology Limited for the fiscal year 2023/2024.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

46. The Administrative Report of the Youth Training and Partnership Programme Limited for the fiscal year 2018/2019.
(By the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training)

47. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2020.
(By the Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism)

48. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2022.
(By the Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism)

49. The Administrative Report of the Trinidad and Tobago Creative Industries Company Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2023.
(By the Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism)

50. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2019/2020.
(By the Minister of Housing)

51. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2021/2022.
(By the Minister of Housing)

52. The Administrative Report of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2022/2023.
(By the Minister of Housing)

53. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2020.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

54. The Annual Administrative Report of Caribbean Airlines Limited for the year ended December 31, 2021.
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

URGENT QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX

Questions for Oral Answer

Question No. 1 to the Minister of Public Utilities

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to the closure or restructuring of the CEPEP programme, can the Minister state:

(i) the number of persons who have become unemployed as a result thereof;

(ii) whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment to evaluate the economic and social impact of the closure or restructuring of the programme;

(iii) the number of persons currently participating in any alternative employment, training or community-based programmes introduced to absorb or support these displaced workers;

(iv) the estimated fiscal savings arising from the closure or restructuring of CEPEP;

(v) how those savings have been reallocated; and

(vi) based on the responses to (iv) and (v), whether the Ministry has conducted any net impact assessment to determine if the fiscal savings are being offset by increased social or economic costs elsewhere in the system?

Question No. 2 to the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

In relation to areas previously serviced by CEPEP, can the Minister indicate whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment of changes in community conditions linked to waste management, drainage maintenance, overgrown vegetation, unmaintained public spaces and associated vector-control risks, and whether any deterioration has been formally documented?

Question No. 3 to the Minister of Education

(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

With respect to student attendance and dropout rates in primary and secondary schools during the period June 2025 to May 2026, can the Minister state:

(i) whether the Ministry maintains a system to monitor persistent absenteeism and school dropout rates and the current number of students classified as persistently absent or at risk of dropping out;

(ii) whether the Ministry has observed any significant changes in attendance levels, dropout rates, behavioural referrals, counselling referrals, or requests for financial, transportation, or school feeding assistance;

(iii) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment of the extent to which economic hardship affecting households may be associated with student absenteeism, dropout risk, or reduced academic performance;

(iv) if the answer to (iii) is in the affirmative, whether such assessment included consideration of the impact of household income loss arising from the closure or restructuring of the CEPEP programme; and

(v) what interventions are currently in place to support students identified as persistently absent or at risk of dropping out due to economic hardship?

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

1. The Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, 2026.
   (By the Attorney General who will move that the next stage of the Bill be taken later in the proceedings)

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives amendments to the Miscellaneous Provisions (Heritage Petroleum, Paria Fuel Trading and Guaracara Refining Vesting) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, listed in Appendix II, be now considered.

   (By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)

Bills Second Reading:

1. A Bill entitled 'An Act to amend the Maternity Protection Act, Chap. 45:57.'
(By the Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development)

2. A Bill entitled 'An Act to repeal and replace the Shipping Act, Chap. 50:10, the Harbours Act, Chap. 50:06, the Droghers Act, Chap. 50:07, the Motor Launches Act, Chap. 50:08, the Marking of Ships Act, Chap. 50:09, to amend the Port Authority Act, Chap. 51:01, the Pilotage Act, Chap. 51:02, the Customs Act, Chap. 78:01 and the Coroners Act, Chap. 6:04 to provide for the certification and registration of seafarers and the certification and registration of vessels and offshore installations, matters relating to crew safety and security of life at sea and matters incidental thereto.'
(By the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chap. 1:01, affirms the principle of social justice including equality of opportunity and access to decent work;

AND WHEREAS the economic transformation and sustainable development of Trinidad and Tobago require coordinated and forward-looking national workforce planning;

AND WHEREAS persistent labour market mismatches, including skills gaps, youth unemployment, underemployment and misalignment between education and national economic priorities, continue to constrain productivity and economic participation;

AND WHEREAS international best practice among advanced economies demonstrates the value of integrated workforce development frameworks grounded in labour market intelligence and strong collaboration among government, industry, education and training institutions;

AND WHEREAS a National Workforce and Manpower Strategic Plan for Trinidad and Tobago should provide for coordinated labour market forecasting; alignment of education and technical and vocational training systems with national development priorities; strengthened industry-education partnerships and work-integrated learning opportunities; development of digital, critical-thinking, green economy and entrepreneurial skills; measures to address youth unemployment and participation disparities; and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation, including periodic reporting to Parliament;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls upon the Government to prepare and table in Parliament, within twelve (12) months, a comprehensive National Workforce and Manpower Strategic Plan for Trinidad and Tobago, inclusive of a legislative and institutional framework.
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)

2. **WHEREAS** Trinidad and Tobago's healthcare system relies predominantly on paper-based records;

AND WHEREAS the fragmentation of patient health information across public and private medical institutions owing to the absence of a unified, interoperable Electronic Medical Records system contributes to duplication of diagnostic procedures, delays in treatment and inefficient use of limited health resources, even more so in emergency cases;

AND WHEREAS digital transformation of health services is a stated priority of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate calls upon the Government to develop a comprehensive policy and legislative framework for the development of a National Electronic Medical Records

system to manage medical records and health data governance, including standards for the recording, processing, storage, protection and secure sharing of health information, including appropriate cybersecurity and data protection safeguards, interoperability standards, and phased implementation across public and private healthcare institutions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government introduce into Parliament, within twelve (12) months, comprehensive legislation to give effect to a national framework for medical records and health data governance.

(By Senator Dr. Desirée Murray)

3. **WHEREAS** forests constitute a critical national asset that supports the environmental, economic and social development of Trinidad and Tobago;

AND WHEREAS Trinidad and Tobago has established a legislative and policy framework for the protection and management of forests, wildlife, protected areas, watersheds and the environment, including the Forest Act, Chap. 66:01, the Conservation of Wildlife Act, Chap. 67:01, the State Lands Act, Chap. 57:01, and the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05 and multiple policies aimed at forest and wildlife protection, biodiversity and most recently climate change;

AND WHEREAS evidence presented at Parliamentary Committee inquiries, and other public consultations, has highlighted ongoing concerns regarding deforestation, , biodiversity loss, habitat fragmentation, and the increasing impact of climate change on the natural environment and communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate calls upon the Government to develop and table in Parliament, within twelve (12) months, an integrated, comprehensive National Forest Conservation and Reforestation Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, including an implementation plan for the review and strengthening of existing legislation, policies and institutional arrangements relating to forests, protected areas, biodiversity conservation and watershed management.

(By Senator Alicia Lalite-Ettienne)

Nataki Atiba-Dilchan
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Question No. 10 to the Minister of Homeland Security
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to the State's use of private security providers for the transportation of prisoners, can the Minister state:

(i) how long has the State engaged private security providers for this purpose;
(ii) what are the main reasons for the continued use of private security providers for this purpose;
(iii) what is the total amount paid to private security providers for prisoner transportation during the last three (3) financial years, disaggregated by financial year and service provider;
(iv) what assessments, if any, have been undertaken by the Ministry, to compare the continued use of private security providers with expanding the transport fleet and operational capacity of the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service;
(v) whether the Government intends to reduce its reliance on private security providers by expanding the transport fleet and operational capacity of the Prison Service; and
(vi) if the answer to (v) is in the affirmative, the anticipated timeline for implementation?

(Answer due by September 24, 2026)

Question No. 14 to the Minister of the People, Social Development and Family Services
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to the availability of social displacement statistics in Trinidad and Tobago, can the Minister state:

(i) when was the last nationwide assessment of social displacement conducted;
(ii) what is the estimated number of socially displaced persons nationwide, disaggregated by town/county/city;
(iii) what are the principal causes of social displacement identified by the Ministry;
(iv) how many State programmes are currently in place to provide emergency shelter, rehabilitation, and reintegration services to socially displaced persons; and
(v) what measurable targets have been established by the Government to reduce social displacement over the next five (5) years?

(Answer due by September 24, 2026)

Question No. 16 to the Minister of Homeland Security
(By Senator Dr. Marlene Attzs)
With respect to derelict Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) vehicles, can the Minister state:

(i) how many TTPS vehicles have been classified as unserviceable or derelict in each of the last three (3) financial years;
(ii) what is the current number of such vehicles located at police stations or other TTPS facilities; and
(iii) what are the reasons for the non-disposal of the vehicles identified at (ii)

(Answer due by September 24, 2026)

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APPENDIX II

THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (HERITAGE PETROLEUM, PARIA FUEL TRADING AND GUARACARA REFINING VESTING) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

List of amendments made in the House of Representatives during the Committee Stage of the above-named Bill on Thursday June 18, 2026.

Clause	Amendment
3	In the newly inserted section 7A (2) – (a) delete the word "**continue**" and substitute the words "**be deemed**"; and (b) insert after the words "**subsection (1)**", the words "**and for the purposes of collective bargaining**".

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Question which has been accepted by the President in accordance with Standing Order 25 is hereby forwarded for the attention of the Minister concerned.

1. **TO THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
(By Senator Faris Al-Rawi, SC)
Given the expected end of the State of Emergency on September 17, 2026 and the reported release of persons detained for alleged serious crimes, can the Minister advise what measures will be put in place to ensure the safety of the public?

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